

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY COTONOU

TO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN PRIORITY

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AMEMBASSY SAIGON

C O N F I D E N T I A L COTONOU 0672

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, O DM, VS

SUBJ: DAHOMEAN RELATIONS WITH GVN

REF: ABIDJAN 3226

1. SEE NO REASON WHY COUNSELOR DUONG HONG TAO SHOULD NOT VISIT COTONOU TO ATTEMPT CLARIFY RECOGNITION SITUATION. AT WORST HE WILL RECEIVE CONFIRMATION OF DAHOMEAN STATEMENT TO EMBASSY PARIS THAT MRGD NO LONGER RECOGNIZED GVN ( PARIS 7243). BEFORE TAO REQUESTS APPOINTMENTS WITH PRESIDENT AND FOREIGN MIINISTER, SUGGEST HE SEE FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY GENERAL SAGBO. IN VIEW MRGD FAILURE TO RESPOND TO APRIL 7 TELEX, DOUBT ANY FOLLOW- UP MESSAGE REQUESTING PERMISSION FOR TAO VISIT WILL ELICIT RESPONSE. IF TAO STILL ACCREDITED HERE, HE MIGHT JUST COME TO COTONOU AND TRY TO ARRANGE SAGBO MEETING ON SPOT.

2. IN VIEW OF MRGD SENSITIVITY OVER ANY INTERFERENCE WITH ITS EFFORTS TO EXTEND CONTACTS WITH EAST, WE THINK IT WOULD BE COUNTER- PRODUCTIVE FOR US TO TRY TO PERSUADE MRGD TO RECEIVE TAO.

3. I WILL BE DELIGHTED TO SEE TAO IF HE COMES.

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